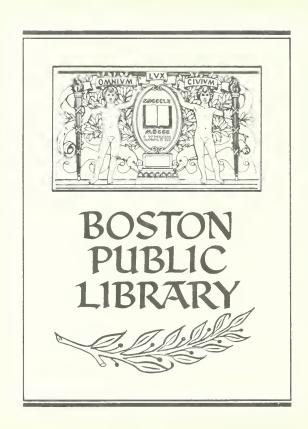
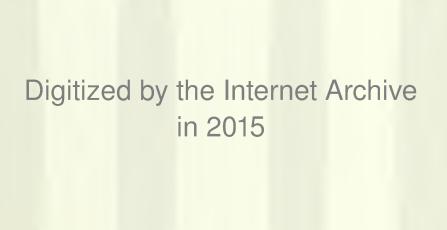
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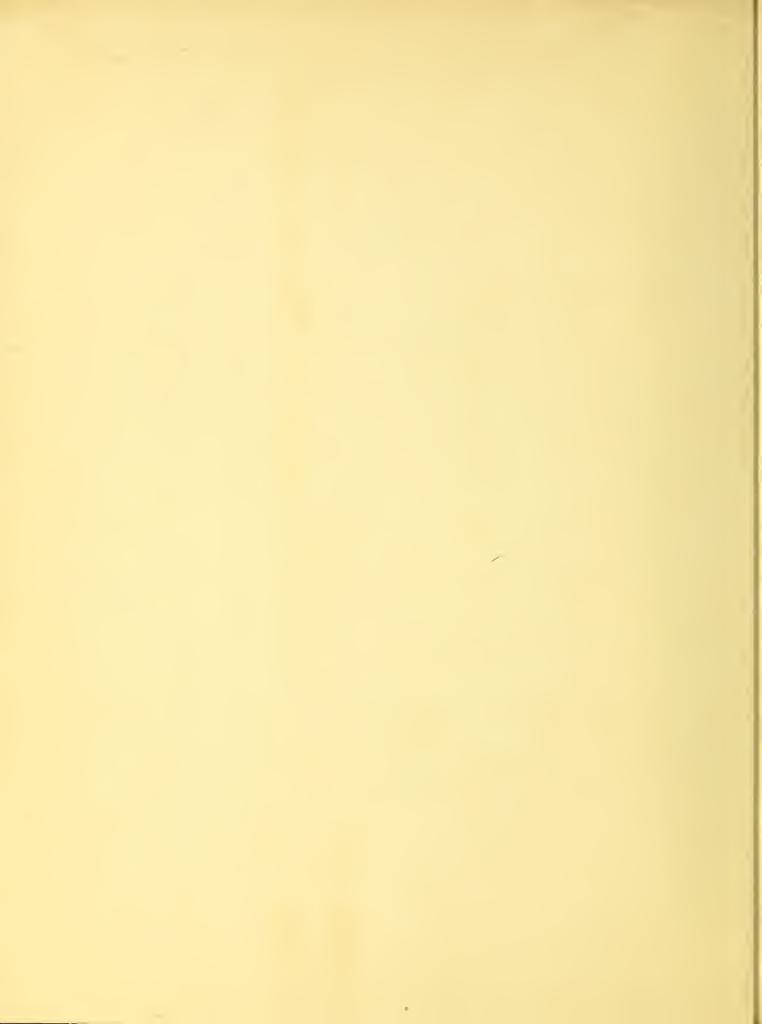


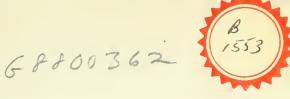
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Introduction

The camp cost sheets which have been sent out annually for the past three years by the Camp Bureau of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Boston were returned for the 1949 season by 29 camps. The following summary and analysis of the information supplied by the camps was prepared by the Research Division of UCS.

After three years' experience with cost figures it can be stated that the chief value of the study seems to be the presentation in detail of actual expenditures of a group of camps of different sizes and types, rather than any generalizations that can be made from the individual reports. Conclusions as to the most efficient size or set-up of a camp cannot be drawn from such a small number of reports, nor from material which omits all consideration of aims and quality of camp programs.

There is also still considerable incomparability of figures because of the different ways that camps report such expenses as major repairs, wages for maintenance work, and allocated amounts of the salaries of year-round agency staff. Perhaps clearer and more complete instructions to accompany the cost sheet would help to iron out some of these discrepancies.

Costs in Individual Camps

The 1949 disbursements of 25 camps, grouped according to size and sex served, are shown in detail in Table I, together with per capita costs of camp as a whole and of food and salaries. The other 4 camps are not shown in this table because none of them fitted into a group with other camps.

For 26 camps (omitting 3 with very specialized programs) the total cost of camp ranged from \$12.46 to \$28.77 per camper per week. For 14 of the 26 camps, or over one-half, the figure was between \$20 and \$25, while for 10 camps it was under \$20 and for only 2 camps it was over \$25. The average was \$20.93 per week, or \$2.99 per day, compared with a per capita daily cost of \$3.02 for 28 camps compared in the 1948 study. (Table II)

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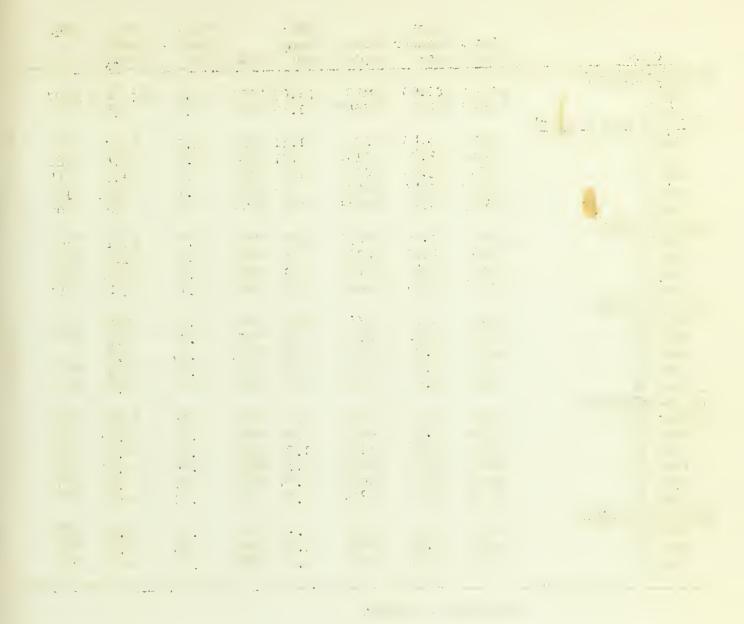
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SUMMER CAMP COSTS 1949 - FROM REPORTS BY 25 CAMPS

Operat- ing Supplies	Medical Supplies & Service	Admin. Supplies	Program Supplies	Iaun- dry	Elec- tricity	Water	Taxes	Rent	
\$ 107 96	\$ 15 57	\$ 112 130	\$ 284 178	\$ 168 302	\$ - 82	\$ - 99	\$ -	\$ -	
231 116 228 259 221	23 150 99 110 182	81 90 83 244	171 64 46 226 157	143 127 17 110 832	39 43 188 52 130	51 - 108 '40	30 10 -	-	
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592 706 161	97 290 41	450 799 309	21 581 50	24 108 55	185 131 -	-	- 477	-	

Repairs	New Equip- ment	New Con struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Pub- licity	In- sur- ance	Mis- cell- aneous	Non current expense	Weekly cost
\$ 68 313	\$ - 134	\$ -	\$ 122 111	\$ -	\$ 210 214	\$ 693	\$ -	\$20.30 20.86
429 115. 202 1114 905	33 - 54 -	16	524 497 1207 376 250	18 - 13 63 -	58 - 479 539	23 47 1 - 64	8657 - 1011 2469	24.01 20.02 21.63 17.01 28.77
1100 375 647 274	322 117 -	200	670 229 924 193	-	1000 416 450 961	100 430 233 425	2000	24.85 15.40 23.80 23.73
1351 1090 - 1824 1101	780 189 76 31	-	556 281 157 131 325	102 104 - 67 69	365 498 - 357 270	18 - 129 74	- - 1500 1125	24.78 15.47 12.46 18.13 19.67
1240 820 880 459 366 1749	433 372 814 210 403	125	698 172 182 1144 704 479	248 343 - 5132 339 407	762 670 324 556 307 643	999 110 54 330 1023 1700	2062 3104 1095 - 2600	23.10 16.17 22.26 22.75 17.29 27.51
1803 1001 341	1405 139	- - -	337 933 2425	151 506 229	831 416 750	59 222 204	- 1844	16.17 24.43 23.03



	Total	Per Camper	Sal-	Per Camper	Per Person	Per Fuel Camper &
Camp	Cost	Day	aries	Day Food	Day	Day Ice
For 35-45 Girls						
Camp 1	\$5415	\$2.90	\$1995	\$1.07 \$1534	\$.61	\$.82 \$107
Camp 2	7821	2.98	3540	1.35 2175	.64	.83 390
For 30-80 Boys & Girls						
Camp 3	6970	3.43	2255	1.11 2655	1.01	1.31 235
Camp 4	4806	2.86	1197	.71 2348	1.05	1.40 61
Camp 5	6571	3.09	2208	1.07 2169	. 75	1.02 24
Camp 6	9317	2.43	2675	.70 3509	.78	.91 154
Camp 7	13625	4.11	7003	2.11 2951	• 59	.89 109
For 65-80 Boys						
Camp 8	14981	3.55	5250	1.24 4951	.88	1.17 160
Camp 9	8945	2.20	2025	.50 4200	.80	1.03 242
Camp 10	15532	3.40	4140	.91 7584	1.35	1.66 153
Camp 11	14423	3.39	3904	.92 6066	1.13	1.43 213
For 65-30 Girls						
Camp 12	14788	3.54	6778	1.62 4344	.73	1.04 167
Camp 13	10356	2.21	2395	.51 4427	.72	.94 172
Camp 14	4239	1.78	1245	.52 1631	•59	.69 -
Camp 15	9599	2.59	2255	.61 4037	.75	1.09 262
Camp 16	8965	2.81	2505	.78 3436	.78	1.08 117
For 90-150 Boys			,			
Camp 17	17123	3.30	4933	.95 6204	•93	1.20 527
Camp 18	13304	2.31	4608	.79 4645	.65	.80 216
Camp 19	9819	3.18	3107	1.01 3819	.99	1.24 91
Camp 20	24869	3.25	9087	1.19 6087	.64	.79 169
Camp 21	13455	2.47	4028	.74 5181	.71 '	.95 384
Camp 22	20158	3.93	6804	1.33 5785	.83	1.12 270
For 100-150 Girls			1	16 11	01	1
Camp 23	20959	2.31	4172	.46 10440	.84	1.14 393
Camp 24	22742	3.49	9483	1.46 6922	•79	1.06 507
Camp 25	15072	3.29	5040	1.10 4666	.78	1.02 323

^{*}NR means no report

Camps spent for salaries all the way from 46¢ to \$2.11 per camper day, the average being \$1.00. Salary costs for 26 camps ranged as follows:

40¢	under	60¢	per	camper	day	4	camps
60¢	11	80¢	11	11	11	6	11
80¢	11	\$1	11	11	11	3	11
\$1	11	\$1.2	20 "	11	11	6	††
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Several of the camps reporting the lowest salary costs did not include under salaries the wage cost of maintenance and opening and closing camp, which most other camps did include here.

Food costs reflected the slightly lower food prices prevailing in 1949. The average amount spent for food in 1949 by all 29 camps was \$1.07 per camper day or 81ϕ per day per person fed. Corresponding figures for 32 camps in 1948 were \$1.17 and 87ϕ . The range of daily food costs per person in 1949 was from 59ϕ to \$1.35, as shown below:

50¢	under	60¢	per	person	day	2	camps
60¢	tt	70¢	11	- 11	11	5	11
70¢	11	80¢	11	11	11	10	11
80¢	11	90¢	11	Ħ	11	5	11
90¢	Ħ	\$1	11	11	17	2	12
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For one-third of the 29 camps the cost was between 70ϕ and 80ϕ per person day, while for two-thirds it fell between 60ϕ and 90ϕ .

Costs Compared for Different Groups of Camps

As in previous years, per capita costs in boys' camps, girls' camps, and camps for both boys and girls were compared. (Table II) From year to year, however, there emerges no consistent pattern of comparative costs according to type of camp. The only points that remain the same each year are a higher average food cost for boys' camps than for other types of camps, and a higher average salary cost for camps serving both boys and girls.

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Table II

Daily Per Capita Camp Costs, 1949, by Type of Camp

	Total Cost per Camper Day	Salaries per Camper Day	Food per Camper Day	Food per Person Day
Average for all camps studied*	\$2.99	\$1.00	\$1.07	\$.81
Average for boys' camps	3.10	.96	1.15	.90
Average for girls' camps	2.79	•95	.97	.72
Average for camps for boys and girls	3.13	1.15	1.07	.79

^{*}Per capita calculations for all items and for salaries throughout Table II are for 26 camps, while per capita figures for food are for 29 camps.

In 1949 the average food cost per person day in boys' camps was 90¢ compared with 79¢ in camps for boys and girls and 72¢ in girls' camps. Salaries, on the other hand, cost \$1.15 per camper day in camps for boys and girls, but only 96¢ in boys' camps and 95¢ in girls' camps. Three of the camps with the highest per capita salary figures, however, were girls' camps, while one was a boys' camp.

Salaries Paid for Camp Positions

Information on salaries paid for individual positions was returned by 28 camps. Figures used here, except for salaries of some camp directors and caretakers generally represent cash salary for the summer season including brief pre-camp and post-camp periods. For most workers this was a period of 8 or 9 weeks. Salaries of counselors employed only part of the summer were adjusted on a basis of approximately two months. It can be assumed that practically all workers received board and lodging in addition to cash salary.

In general salaries for all camp positions were much the same in 1949 as in 1948.

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Camp Director

		Male		Female				
1	at	300	8	at	375-475			
4	at	500-600	3	at	500-650			
3	at	700-900	1	at	900			
4	at	1000-1100	1	at	1133			
1	at	1500	1	at	1400			

Most of the directors' salaries under \$500 were in camps for under 100 children, but less than half the salaries of \$1000 and over were in camps for over 100 children.

Assistant Director, Program Director, Head Counselor

	Male		Female					
7 at	200-250 300 400-484	4 3	at at	125 200-280 300-380 400-450				

Salaries of assistant directors had little relation to size of camp, and were similiar for men and women.

Waterfront Director

		Male]	Female
1	at	150	1	at	90
3	at	200-240	3	at	150-175
1	at	300	3	at	200
2	at	400			
1	at	450			

In the 15 camps reporting waterfront directors women were paid less than men.

Other Specialty Counselors

	Male	Female
3 at 1 at	200-225	3 at 25-85 11 at 100-135 4 at 150 3 at 200-250

As in other years, counselors in charge of crafts, dramatics, etc. were paid slightly less than waterfront directors. More salaries of \$200-300, however, were reported

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in 1949 than in 1948, though several of them were found in camps not taking part in the 1948 study.

General Counselors

Male				Female		
6	at	30-50	5	at	50-65	
10	at	75-90	14	at	75-95	
9	at	100-125	24	at	100-125	
12	at	150-175	2	at	135-140	
9	at	200	21	at	150-170	
5	at	225-250	6	at	200	
			2	at	250	

Salaries of 125 leaders reported as general counselors or simply counselors ranged from \$30-250. Approximately two-thirds were paid between \$100-200 with little difference for men and women.

Junior Counselors

Male	Female
7 at 10-25 13 at 40-65 8 at 75-80	20 volunteers 11 at 10-25 13 at 35-40 9 at 50-65 3 at 75-80

For 64 leaders reported as junior counselors the salary range was \$10-80 and 20 others were volunteers. Half the paid junior counselors received \$35-50.

Nurse

Salaries of 22 camp nurses ranged from \$100-325 as follows:

2 at 100-135

6 at 150-190

8 at 200-250

6 at 275-325

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Cook and Assistant Cook

4	at	200-240	1	at	45
4	at	300	4	at	100-125
4	at	320-385	5	at	140-180
4	at	400-467	3	at	200
6	at	500-585	3	at	240-290
1	at	650	2	at	320-355
1	at	835			
1	at	1000			

Salaries of cooks were scattered all the way from \$200-1000, and those of assistant cooks from \$45-355.

Caretaker

Only 11 camps reported the position of caretaker with salaries as follows:

2 at 275-300 2 at 550-600 2 at 700-800 1 at 1000 1 at 1200 2 at 1650-1700 1 at 1800

Several of the lower figures were stated to be for the summer only, while the higher figures were for year-round jobs.

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